

Santa Rosa County
Emergency Medical System (EMS) Task Force Meeting
August 3, 2000 9:00 am

Chief Reble, Chairman called meeting to order in the Santa Rosa County Media Center.

Members Present:

John E. Reble
Bobby Busby
Dominic Persichini
Bob Minshull
Rob Murphy
Bill Markopolulos

Members Absent:

David Burnett
Tony Simmons
Dr. Wes Matthews

Staff Present:

Hunter Walker
Sheryl Bracewell
Dave Ling
Peggy McDonald

The Agenda was approved as submitted (see attached).

The minutes of the July 27, 2000 meeting were approved as submitted.

A review of monthly reports and statistics was accomplished.

There were several questions from the committee in reference to July response times report. After much discussion from the committee, Reble stated the committee should attempt to discover exactly who in each department responds to various calls.

Markopolulos ask if Fire Department members carry medical equipment in their personal vehicles?

Murphy said some may, if Dr. Manis gives permission.

Walker asked what medical equipment do they take.

Reble said some take BLS kits and others do not. He said squad vehicles take automatic external defibrillator (AED) sometimes. He stated that fire departments can only provide BLS service, even if they have a paramedic.

Murphy said he was going to research to see what his rights are as far as providing ALS services.

The performance of the AED was brought up with several questions and recommendation by the committee.

Response time was discussed on how the different agencies responded to different calls.

Bracewell introduced Red E. Fox and she and Rick Schuster gave a presentation and explained that Red E. Fox benefited adults and well as children to learn how to dial 911. Bracewell said that Red E. Fox would be presented to schools and could be presented at other agencies.

Reble stated that Red E. Fox would enhance the general public through public education.

Reble said there was no correspondence since last meeting. He shared with the committee a news article where the 4 years old child dialed 911 when she found her mother in a diabetic coma.

Reble reviewed the 6 key elements of the EMS system with the committee to see where the committee stands today and where the committee should be for the future.

There was discussion from the committee on how to improve on the first responders program and what steps should be taken to improve the response of first responders.

Chief Reble stated that, in regards to the fire departments that wanted the AED's, there should be a policy for their use.

Murphy asked if the task force was going to be able to have any input on who would receive the AED's

The committee discussed the possible development of a Fire Department Response Survey and gave input on procedures to improve the system.

There was a discussion of the hand out material on difference between EMS arrival time and fire department arrival time.

The purchase of the AED's and software was discussed.

Murphy stated he would like to make recommendation that law enforcement should respond to call because basic first aid could mean life or death.

Reble stated that he wanted included in the minutes to stress the importance and the value of having law enforcement involved in responding to calls.

Sheryl stated she asked Dr. Manis to attend the next meeting. He agreed if notified in adequate time.

The next called meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17th, 2000 at 9:00am in the Media Center at the EOC.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Peggy McDonald